

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 determining that a change occurred to data in a first region of a first plurality of regions of a
3 first volume without including the first region in a set of regions designated for
4 replication to a second volume.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein
2 the change occurred to the data in the first region as a result of restoring at least one region of
3 the first plurality of regions from a second set of regions of a third volume.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein
2 the third volume is a snapshot of the first volume at one point in time.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein
2 a second region of the first plurality of regions is included in the set of regions designated for
3 replication when
4 a respective change to the second region is added to a log comprising at least one
5 change to at least one region, wherein
6 each region of the at least one region in the log is designated for replication to
7 the second volume.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 wherein
2 a third region of the first plurality of regions is included in the set of regions designated for
3 replication when
4 a second respective change occurs to the third region, and
5 the second respective change to the third region cannot be added to the log.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 adding the first region to the set of regions designated for replication.
- 1 7. The method of claim 6 further comprising:
2 replicating each region in the set of regions designated for replication from the first volume to
3 the second volume.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein

2 the replicating each region does not comprise replicating all regions from the first volume to
3 the second volume.

1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein
2 the replicating continues during the restoring.

1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein
2 the data are accessible during the replicating.

1 11. The method of claim 7 wherein
2 the data are accessible during the restoring.

1 12. The method of claim 7 wherein
2 the determining that the change occurred comprises
3 determining that the first region is one of a set of pending regions in a log, wherein
4 the log comprises at least one change to at least one region,
5 each region of the at least one region in the log is included in the set of regions
6 designated for replication, and
7 the replicating has not replicated the set of pending regions.

1 13. The method of claim 1 wherein
2 a second region of the first plurality of regions is included in the set of regions designated for
3 replication when
4 a second respective change occurs to the second region, and
5 the second respective change cannot be added to a log of changes to at least one
6 region, wherein
7 each region of the at least one region in the log is included in the set of regions
8 designated for replication.

1 14. A system comprising:
2 determining means for determining that a change occurred to data in a first region of a first
3 plurality of regions of a first volume without including the first region in a set of
4 regions designated for replication to a second volume; and
5 adding means for adding the region to the set of regions designated for replicaiton.

1 15. The system of claim 14 further comprising:

2 replicating means for replicating each region in the set of regions designated for replication
3 from the first volume to the second volume.

1 16. The system of claim 15 wherein
2 the replicating means do not replicate all regions from the first volume to the second volume.

1 17. A system comprising:
2 a determining module to determine that a change occurred to data in a first region of a first
3 plurality of regions of a first volume without including the first region in a set of
4 regions designated for replication to a second volume.

1 18. The system of claim 17 further comprising:
2 an adding module to add the region to the set of regions designated for replication.

1 19. The system of claim 17 further comprising:
2 a replicating module to replicate each region in the set of regions designated for replication
3 from the first volume to the second volume.

1 20. The system of claim 17 wherein
2 the replicating module does not replicate all regions from the first volume to the second
3 volume.

1 21. A computer-readable medium comprising:
2 determining instructions to determine that a change occurred to data in a first region of a first
3 plurality of regions of a first volume without including the first region in a set of
4 regions designated for replication to a second volume.

1 22. The computer-readable medium of claim 21 further comprising:
2 adding instructions to add the region to the set of regions designated for replication.

1 23. The computer-readable medium of claim 21 further comprising:
2 replicating instructions to replicate each region in the set of regions designated for replication
3 from the first volume to the second volume.

1 24. The computer-readable medium of claim 21 wherein
2 the replicating instructions do not replicate all regions from the first volume to the second
3 volume.